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## FIRST UM HONORARY FLOURISHES

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MISSOULA--

Silent Sentinel, the senior men's honorary, is the oldest honorary at the University of Montana.

Established in 1903, Silent Sentinel has traditionally been a secret society dedicated to the betterment of the University.

When it first formed, only 12 members were chosen each year and the group served mainly as an advisory council to the University president, who is an honorary member.

Silent Sentinel is credited with establishing the Montana Kaimin, the student newspaper, and the Associated Students of the University of Montana, the student government.

The honorary's membership and activities were kept secret so members would not be considered self-seeking.

But, in 1908, Clyde Duniway became the president of the University and he did not like secret societies. He wanted an open, friendly campus and waged war on the closed organizations.

Silent Sentinel folded in 1912 but was revived in the early 1920s by A.J. Stone, the dean of the School of Journalism.

Silent Sentinel is now coeducational and is still a popular honorary on campus. Its membership and activities are still kept secret.

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